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"7. At the Executive Committee Meeting this morning in response to my question Paul Chretien said that the recent publicity about Soviet economy with attribution to CIA had been planned and was in accordance with the Director's wishes. I expressed some surprise that CIA was taking credit, but Paul assured me that this was the Director's desire. (On Friday, 10 January, I learned by the grapevine that the Director was considerably upset by all this publicity and had not understood that we were going to have twenty-odd reporters in the Headquarters building for a briefing which really amounted to a press conference. Further, at the Executive Committee Meeting on Monday, 13 January, the Director said that he had had a meeting with Senator Russell's committee last Friday and that the Senator had said that he found it impossible to assess the damage of this publicity and that he now felt he could no longer resist the clamor for a joint committee.)"

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